

Contact your congressional delegation and urge their support for the following during the lame duck session:

1. Include the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S 3011/HR 5735) in any must-pass bill.
2. Support the overall goal of streamlining federal regulatory review processes and oppose provisions in draft permitting proposals that further preempt existing state authority to certify infrastructure projects.
3. Pass the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act (H.R. 1996) to protect banking institutions that choose to offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses operating consistent with their respective state laws.
4. Pass the Jackie Walorski Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8876) to reauthorize for five years the Maternal, Infant and Early Child Home Visiting program (MIECHV).
5. Support a one-year TANF extension.

Below are more details on each issue.

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S 3011/HR 5735). Passage of this legislation would ensure that Treasury Department's support and oversight of COVID funding to states and localities are not abruptly halted. NCSL urged passage of this legislation which would give the Treasury Department more flexibility to reallocate its existing administrative funds to important service areas. The bills do not call for additional federal funding. The Senate passed S 3011 in October 2021 by unanimous consent. Both bills are currently pending before the [House Committee on Oversight and Reform](#). Read NCSL's [letter](#).

Permitting Reform. Urge members to oppose proposed provisions that would eliminate state authority over the siting of electric transmission projects that the Secretary of Energy designates as "national interest facilities." Suggest that Congress allow the provisions included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to take effect. Ask your delegation to support the model of cooperative federalism enshrined in the CWA which acknowledges that a singular, universal approach to water protection and management does not consider the unique water challenges individual states face. Urge opposition to provisions concerning Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) that strip states of their role as integrators and managers of programs impacting their water resources. Read NCSL's [letter](#).

Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act (H.R. 1996). Passage of this legislation would provide protections for banking institutions that choose to offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses operating consistent with their respective state laws. This bipartisan House-passed bill would not legalize marijuana in any form, and states that have not chosen to legalize marijuana would not be forced to do so. Instead, the SAFE Banking Act creates a safer environment for cannabis businesses operating in states that have legalized some form of marijuana by allowing them to bank at a regulated financial institution instead of operating in cash, which can encourage illicit behavior. Read NCSL's [letter](#).

Jackie Walorski Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8876). MIECHV provides states with needed resources to operate their home visiting programs and continue providing support to high-risk families. MIECHV serves all 50 states, the District of Columbia, tribal entities, and the U.S. territories through grants to support evidence-based home visiting programs for at risk pregnant women and families. The bill would increase base funding for all states by \$100 million in 2023 (every state and territory will receive an increase over FY 2022), phase-in additional federal matching funds beginning in

FY 2024, increase the tribal set-aside from 3% to 6%, and dedicate funding for workforce support retention and case management. *Read NCSL's [letter](#).*

TANF Program Full-Year Extension. Providing a one-year extension would permit the program to continue while bipartisan solutions for a longer-term reauthorization are sought. The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program provides essential funding to state and local government programs to help families experiencing poverty achieve economic mobility. Since its last reauthorization in 2005, TANF has been funded via a series of short-term extensions as states and counties have worked to create sustainable reforms that better support families. Continued funding is critical for continuity in services that help people meet basic needs and overcome barriers to employment. *Read NCSL's [letter](#).*